

Please help improve the lives of rural Americans by protecting and expanding the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless providers. Wireless telecommunications is no longer a luxury in our society; it is a fundamental necessity for public health, safety and economic development.

Capping the fund will shut the door on rural America. Less USF support for rural wireless networks will leave us with poor coverage, dropped calls and dangerous dead zones. The urban/rural technology gap will only widen.

Rural America deserves the same cell phone service as our big cities. I care about this issue as I'm not only employed by the wireless industry, but I have family living in rural Missouri. There is a real need for this type of government supports as communications – especially wireless communications – are now an integral part of our lives. We need more funding...not less.

I urge you to expand – not cap – the USF.

Sincerely,

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